ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES





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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 3 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-04-13

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 3 opens commercial fishing with set gillnets in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict from 5:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2013.

Drift gillnetting will be open in the Kasilof Section (not the Expanded Kasilof Section) of the Upper Subdistrict from 5:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2013.

The estimated cumulative passage of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River through 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, was approximately 138,000 fish. This is the largest estimated passage through this date in the Kasilof River. An assessment of area beaches has also revealed that sockeye salmon are present throughout the entire Kasilof Section. Based on Genetic Stock Identification estimates from samples collected during Thursday's Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery, Kenai River Chinook salmon stocks were a very small proportion of the commercial harvest.

Therefore, fishing 8 hours in the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery to slow the rate of escapement of Kasilof River sockeye salmon is warranted at this time.